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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

ATTN: BOX RCE

Akihisa HONGO et al.

Confirmation No. 5731

Serial No. 09/762,582

Docket No. 2001_0133A

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Group Art Unit 1753

SUBSTRATE PLATING METHOD AND

APPARATUS

Examiner Brian Mutschler

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE PEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Petition hereby is made for a one month extension of time to respond to the communication of

December 30, 2003.

The fee of \$110.00 is

- (X) submitted herewith.
- () to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.
- () Small entity status of this application is established by a Small Entity Status Assertion which
 - () is enclosed.
 - () has been previously submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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